वायुदूत गैर-परिचालित व्यय को कम करने तथा गैरपरिचालित राजस्व में वृद्धि करने के लिए आवश्यक कार्रवाई कर रही है । भारी हानि को कम करने के लिए वायुदूत परिचालनों का केन्द्र बिन्दु वाणिज्यिक आधारों पर रहेगा ।

Demand and supply position of petrolum products

322. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) The monthwise demand and supply position of diesel and other petroleum products in the country during 1990;

(b) whether there has been a shortage since the gulf-crisis began; if so, what is month wise position thereof;

(c) what steps have been taken to meet the shortage and what result achieved; and

(d) what furthed measures are being envisaged and adopted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) The monthwise supply and demand position of petrol and diesel in the country during January—November, 1990 is indicated in the attached statement *(See below)*

(b) Gulf crisis which began in August, 1990 has agravated the already difficult situation which the country was facing in the current year with regard to availability of petroleum products. International prices of crude oil and petroleum products increased steeply after the Gulf-crisis, making it difficult to import larged quantities to meet the domestic demand.

(c) Imports of crude oil and petroleum products from Iraq-Kuwait were disrupted since August, 1990 due to the Gulf crisis. The Government made arrangemnts to supplement crude/product supplies from other sources. Government also decided to impose restrictions on supply of petrol and diesel to retail outlets throughout the country from October 8, 1990. The various steps taken by the Government to restrict consumption of petroleum products have had some impact in curbing the growth in consumption. The growth in consumption of petroleum products has been 2.6 per cent during April-November 1990 compared to 7.6 per cent during April-November, 1989.

(d) Further measures will be taken either to relax the restrictions or impose tighter restrictions depending on supply demand position of petroleum products.

Statement

Details of supply and demand for petrol (MS) and diesel (HSD) during January—November, 1990

(Figs. in Thousand Metric Tonnes)

	MS		HSD	
	Demand (Actual Sales)	Supply (Production & Imports)	Demand (Actual Sales)	Supply (Production & Imports)
1	2	3	4	5
January 1990	305	259	[illegible]	1894
February	295	289	[illegible]	[illegible]
March	323	332	[illegible]	[illegible]

1	2	3	4	5
April	292	269	1833	1651
May	336	332	1918	1829
June	317	334	1824	1890
July	292	332	1648	1700
August	308	296	1698	1645
September	280	266	1492	1518
October	278	300	1628	1664
November	279	317	1752	1657

NOTE: (1) Full demand was met till June 1990 while demand has been restricted from July 1990 onwards.

(2) The difference between demand and supply in any given month is reflected in inventrory variations from month to month.

Price control on drugs needed for National Health Programmes

323. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have received the list of drugs identified for National Health Programmes of National Health Programmes from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare;

(b) if so, when were such lists received;

(c) what are the names of drugs identified and what are the names of National Health Programmes;

(d) whether it is a fact that as per policy, all drugs needed for National Health Programmes would be included under category-I of Drugs Price Control Order, 1987; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken to include these drugs?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Health has given a list for National Health Programme and also a list of other essential drugs in July and October, 1990. These lists are under the consideration of the Government in connection with the review of the Drug Policy.

Setting up of gas based power projects

324. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 800 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th August 1990 and state:

(a) whether there is any change in Government's Policy in regard to the setting up of gas-based power projects; and

(b) by when the proposal of gas linkage for Gandhar and Pipavav Projects of Gujarat Electricity Board is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Natural gas has already been allocated for two gas based power plants at Gandhar. Gas linkage for the proposed Pipavav project is contingent on the level of [illegible] in the VIII Five Year Plan.